

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: YOSHINORI AKAMATSU ET AL

Serial No.: not yet assigned

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Title: ARTICLE SUPERIOR IN MAKING WATERDROPS SLIP
DOWN SURFACE THEREOF AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING SUCH ARTICLE

CLAIM OF CONVENTION PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Priority is hereby claimed based on the following foreign patent applications:

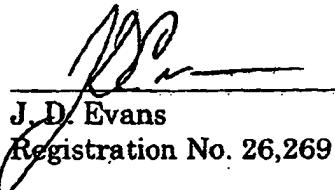
2002-220665 filed in Japan on July 30, 2002,
2003-040237 filed in Japan on February 18, 2003,
2003-040238 filed in Japan on February 18, 2003,
2003-113085 filed in Japan on April 17, 2003, and
2003-155171 filed in Japan on May 30, 2003

and it is respectfully requested that the instant application be accorded the benefit
of the filing dates of said foreign applications pursuant to the provisions of 35
U.S.C. §119.

In support of this claim, duly certified copies of said foreign applications are
submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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